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Japanese Units Land in Mindanao; Hongkong, Malay Fight Continues

FALL OF COLONY BELIEVED NEARING

Japanese Force British To Retreat to South Bank of Krian

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STOCKHOLM, December 19.—British military experts have admitted that the number of troops at Hongkong was not sufficient to defend the stronghold against the Japanese attack, according to reports received here from London today.

The seacoast of Hongkong is far too long to defend successfully with such a comparatively small number of men, and the Japanese have succeeded in landing a large force there, these circles said. The fate of Hongkong, bulwark of the British life line in the East for a century, has now been decided, it was said.

BRITISH FORCED BACK IN MALAYA

Domei

BERNE, December 19.—Japanese forces driving southward in the Malay operations already have forced the British to retreat to the south bank of the Krian River, it was learned here today. Japanese troops pressing rapidly southward along the northwestern Malay coast have passed a point on the mainland opposite Penang Island, while vanguard detachments also are driving for Bandar Bahru Province, the report revealed.

BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS REACH BURMA

Domei

BUENOS AIRES, December 19.—With Burma threatened by Japanese military operations, informed quarters in Rangoon disclosed that a strong detachment of crack British troops today arrived to strengthen the Burma front, according to a Rangoon report received here.

PENANG WITHDRAWAL ADMITTED BY BRITISH

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LISBON, December 19.—The British Government today officially announced that withdrawal has been completed of the British garrison and civilians from the Island of Penang, off the west coast of the Malay Peninsula, according to a London

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Congratulate Nippon Navy

The Rumanian Minister in Tokyo, Major-General Georges Bagulesco, and Military Attache Colonel Nicolas Radulesco, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday called on the Naval General Staff and extended felicitations on the spectacular victories scored by the Imperial Navy to Vice-Admiral Yorio Sawamoto, Vice-Minister of the Navy, and to Admiral Osami Nagano, Chief of the Naval General Staff.

Mindanao of which a scene is shown above on the left has been landed by Japanese forces. A glance at the map below shows that the big island is at the extreme south of the Philippine Islands. It also has the city of Davao where there is a large Japanese colony. On the right above is a view of Iloilo which has been bombed with appalling destruction by the Japanese warplanes.

PRESIDENT OF NEW BOARD GIVES MEMBERS ORDERS

Vice-Admiral Hara Calls Attention to Preservation of Business Secrets

The newly organized Marine Affairs Board was open to business at 10 a.m. Saturday with a due ceremony. On the occasion Vice-Admiral Kiyoshi Hara, President of the new board delivered an instructive address before staff members numbering about 1,000 calling special attention to preservation of business secrets in view of the current situation.

Clarifying the mission of the newly organized Marine Affairs Board the President said that the new organ will not only supervise the shipping enterprises of this country but also take charge of shipping operations directly. The present indication shows, he pointed out, that the shipping industry has many things to do directly or indirectly with development and progress of the State and has closer connection with the activities of the Fighting Services. Under such circumstances, all staff members are sincerely requested to make efforts in keeping matters regarding their business in strict secret.

LARGE BOOTY CAPTURED BY JAPAN AT KOWLOON

Godowns Show Huge Quantities Of War Supplies Destined For Chungking

Nichi Nichi

KOWLOON, December 18.—The Japanese authorities are investigating the large quantities of war supplies which were seized by the Japanese forces when they captured Kowloon. The veritable mountain of these supplies which are in store in long lines of warehouses on the coast and in the neighborhood of the railway station tells a tale of the scale on which the Chungking regime was aided by Britain prior to the outbreak of the War of Greater East Asia.

The queue of store houses standing near the pier were investigated and it was found that the godowns were loaded with rice, flour, beer, sugar, and goods of like nature above the third floors. It was estimated that these supplies would support 100,000 persons for over a month.

Another long row of store houses on the coast were said to have contained 50,000 tons of gasoline and 150,000 tons of coal. It is evident that a large portion of these supplies were destined for shipment to Chungking.

Privy Council Passes Unanimously State's Diplomatic Measures

At the plenary session held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the August presence of His Majesty the Emperor, the Privy Council unanimously approved the Government's diplomatic measures in their original form, as referred to it by its committee. The Committee meeting of the Privy Council was held at 9 a.m. with Vice-President Kantaro Suzuki in the chair when the Government's diplomatic measures were approved. Following the committee meeting the plenary session was held in attendance of Premier Hideki Tojo, Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo, Education Minister Kunihiko Hashida, Communications Minister Ken Terashima, Justice Minister Michiyo Iwamura and Welfare Minister Chikahiko Koizumi, besides the Privy Councilors.

MADRID CONFIDENT OF JAPAN'S VICTORY

Onslaught Being Made on Singapore Comparable to Attack of Port Arthur

Yomiuri

SHANGHAI, December 20.—Word reaching here from Madrid indicates that the military experts there are agreed on the decisive nature of the victory which has been won by the Japanese in the war with the United States and the British Empire.

Many of these observers would compare the onslaught being made by the Japanese on Singapore to the attack on Port Arthur in the Russo-Japanese War. They confidently expect the eventual fall of the largest British naval base in East Asia. They theorize that the capture of the base by the Japanese will create a situation in which the Nipponese can hope for a final victory in the current War of Greater East Asia.

An unnamed distinguished military observer in Madrid is quoted as having broadcast the following view of the war in East Asia:

"It was part of wisdom for the Japanese to synchronize the attack on Singapore with the assault on Hongkong. That strategy would help to keep intact their line of communication. So long as Singapore remains in British hands, considerable difficulties would have to be encountered by the Japanese in the execution of their strategy against the Malay Peninsula and in pushing the program of constructing the East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. The defense of Singapore is strong beyond measure. To reduce that naval base would be no easy task. With the base in Japanese hands the British and American fleets in East Asia would be ineffectual. After the fall of Singapore to them the Japanese may look forward to a final victory in the war, no matter how long it will take."

PORTUGAL WOUNDED BY TIMOR LANDING

Australian and Dutch Troops Occupy Island in Violation of Understanding

SALAZAR WARNS BRITISH

Tells Cheering Assembly Nation To Uphold Rights Notwithstanding Alliance

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LISBON, December 19.—The Portuguese Premier, Antonio Oliveira Salazar, declared before the National Assembly on Friday afternoon that "In Portugal's view, England has no right to invade a neutral, friendly, allied country. The Portuguese Government will loyally and ardently fulfill its duty, without regard to alien interests. Without forgetting the alliance with England, the Government will put the sovereign rights of the nation above everything else."

Dr. Salazar added that the negotiations, which are going on with England for a fortnight already, would be continued. The Premier's statement was received with loud cheers by the National Assembly.

"Portugal does not give Britain the right to invade a neutral, friendly and allied country", the Portuguese Premier stated amidst great applause of deputies at the National Assembly here on Friday afternoon, when referring to the occupation of Timor, Salazar's speech began with a report on the negotiations, lasting a fortnight, between Britain and Portugal, with the goal of supplying the Portuguese colony of Timor with British troops for the purpose of defense, but only in case—as is explicitly stipulated by Portugal—of Japanese violation of Portuguese sovereignty in Timor.

Reject Exile Dutch

Already on December 5 the Portuguese Government rejected the participation of the Dutch Exile Government in these negotiations and only consented to talk with the Australian Government. According to the agreement which was yet to be concluded, Salazar stated that Netherlands East Indies and Australian troops were to protect Timor only in case of a surprise attack, and were to be withdrawn from the island immediately after danger had passed. Portugal intended to give its consent to this British proposal only on account of the existing Anglo-Portuguese Alliance.

Instead of the Japanese attack, however, Australian aircraft attacked the capital of Timor on December 10, 11, and 12. This was a violation of Portuguese sovereignty. Lisbon immediately protested to London. While the British Ambassador in Lisbon was still conferring with Salazar, in his capacity as Portuguese Foreign Minister, on the defense of Timor, the British Undersecretary of War told the Portuguese Ambassador almost simultaneously that Australian and Dutch troops had already been landed in the capital of Timor.

Premier Salazar stated that the Portuguese Governor, with his weak forces, refused them, by order, the right to land. This statement called forth greatest applause. At this talk

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Iloilo and Del Monte Heavily Damaged by Naval Airmen

DOWN MORE PLANES

The Army and Navy Departments of the Imperial Headquarters made a joint announcement at 5:30 p.m. Saturday regarding a successful landing of Japanese troops on Mindanao in the Philippines early Saturday morning, adding another page to the brilliant military operations of both the Imperial Army and Navy. The announcement follows:

"Japanese Army and Navy units in close cooperation effected landing on Mindanao early on the morning of December 20, repulsing enemy resistance. As the result, the military situation there is developing in favor of the landing forces."

ILOILO, DEL MONTE BOMBED

Crack units of the Japanese Naval Air Force are keeping up their activities in the Philippines especially at Iloilo and Del Monte, inflicting heavy damage on the enemy military establishments, according to an announcement of the Navy Department of the Imperial Headquarters, at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

A certain number of Japanese naval planes effected fierce air raids on December 18 on the enemy air base at Iloilo destroying two large-sized planes, hangars and oil tankers, the announcement states. Crack units of the Japanese Naval Air Force raided Del Monte on December 19 and destroyed five large-sized planes on the ground in addition to six others shot down in the air.

Japanese naval planes on December 18 shot down a large-sized flying-boat which they encountered over the South China sea and inflicted heavy damage on an enemy ship there, according to the same announcement which adds that planes of a certain Japanese warship on December 17 shot down one flying-boat and an enemy bomber at an undisclosed place.

JAPANESE CONTINUE BOMBING PHILIPPINES

Domei

BUENOS AIRES, December 19.—For the past 24 hours, Japanese bombers have continued to strike relentlessly at strategic centers in Manila and on Panay Island, according to an announcement made today in Washington by the United States Navy Department. The United States War Department announced this morning that the Japanese air and land attack on the Philippine Islands has increased in intensity since yesterday, according to a Washington report received here this afternoon.

TO MOOT CONVOY ISSUE

Pan-American Meet to Take Up Shipping Problem

Domei

BUENOS AIRES, December 19.—The convoying of marchantships between American nations by North and South American navies as a measure of continental protection will be discussed and may be approved at the Pan-American Foreign Ministers' conference, official sources in Washington disclosed today, according to reports reaching here.

The conference is scheduled to be held on January 15, next year, at Rio de Janeiro.

U.S. Registration Bill

Domei

LISBON, December 19.—The United States House of Representatives has approved and sent to the Senate legislation providing for the registration of all American citizens between the ages of 18 and 64 years and the enlistment of men between 20 and 45 years for active military service, it was reported here from Washington today.

Japanese Remaining In Hongkong Unhurt; To Be Rescued Soon

Domei

CANTON, December 20.—Indications are that approximately 40 Japanese remaining in Hongkong, including members of the Japanese consular staff as well as Consul-General Yano, are safe somewhere in the Crown Colony, although their places of refuge are unknown. It is believed that they will be rescued by Japanese troops in the course of today or tomorrow. It will be recalled that the Japanese consulate is located in the field of battle now raging.

'War Marriages'

With the War of Greater East Asia entering its second week, the number of "war marriages" is rapidly increasing in Los Angeles and every station is filled with soldiers to be sent to "battle fields," says a special Buenos Aires dispatch to a local paper.

U.S.-BRITAIN PARLEY SCHEDULED IN CAIRO

Captain Lyttleton and Knatchbull Hugessen Expected to Meet Bullitt

MONEY BILL APPROVED

American Lower House Passes Emergency Appropriations $450,000,000 for Defense

Domei

VICHY, December 19.—High British and United States representatives are scheduled to meet for an important conference in Cairo, it was reliably reported here from the Egyptian capital today.

The meeting is expected to be attended by Captain Oliver Lyttleton, Minister to the Near East, and Sir Hughe M. Knatchbull Hugessen, Ambassador to Turkey, for Great Britain, while the United States will probably send William C. Bullitt, former Ambassador to France, said the dispatch.

House Approves More Money

Domei

BUENOS AIRES, December 19.—The United States House of Representatives today approved and sent to the Senate for immediate sanction emergency appropriations totaling $450,000,000 for the American defense program and also $50,000,000 for creation of food reserves for the United States possessions of Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Virgin Islands, Havas reports from Washington.

The measure also establishes credits amounting to $46,000,000 for the Philippines for readjustment following devastating Japanese attacks on the islands, Havas said.

Speaking at the graduation exercises of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Colonel Frank Knox, United States Secretary of Navy today warned the American public not to underestimate the size and strength of the Japanese Navy and Air Forces, according to a Washington dispatch reaching here today.

Pointing out that up to now the Japanese Army has been bearing the brunt of military activities in the Orient, Colonel Knox admitted the Japanese Navy and Air Forces were so powerful that they succeeded in knocking out the American Fleet stationed at Pearl Harbor.

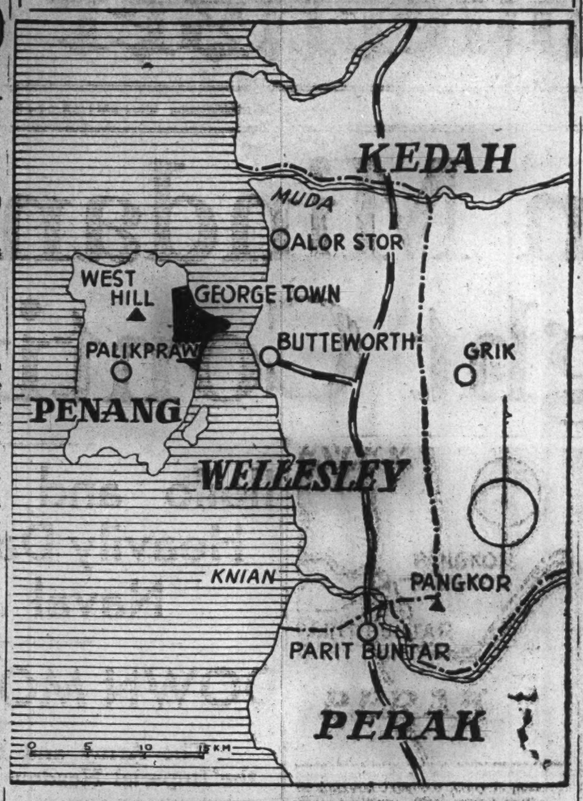
FDR Announces New Program

President Roosevelt, at his press conference, has disclosed that a six-point program, decided upon at a conference of State Governors, will be enforced in the United States after the war, according to a Washington report received here today.

The program was said to include placing of national defense works before all others maintain the morale of the public, prepare the public for post-war work and to safeguard all services necessary for democratic life.

President Roosevelt told correspondents that it was more necessary than before that all men and women increase production of war materials, the report stated.

Fighting in Malaya



The British have admitted that the Imperial Japanese Army is pushing them farther and farther out of their positions. The ground in Kedah in the above map is hopelessly lost in the face of slashing Japanese drives. Penang is subjected to terrific daily bombings. If Penang falls then it is high time that the British give up in the sector as the island forms one of the most important links in the defense of British Malaya. As the peninsula is made impossible, British Malaya is cut in half communicintions has been immensely rich in natural resources.

Life of Wild Eagles at Advance Base More Strenuous Than People Realize

Domei

ADVANCE AIR BASE, December 20.—The reader in Japan, living a normal life, perhaps may feel that he can appreciate the strenuous life of the fliers at the advance bases but, in reality, no one who has not actually experienced it can really imagine it.

The fliers' day nominally starts at 6 a.m. according to Japan standard time which they use but it is actually 4 a.m. At 4 a.m., it is still dark even in the Tropics and the Southern Cross can be clearly seen in the sky. The breezes from the entangled jungle on the edge of the flying field are still cool but the "dawn comes up like thunder" and even before it is fully light, the tropical heat begins to form drops of sweat on the bare torsos of the Imperial vanguards. The day is unbearably hot but there is hardly any respite from the continuous work with planes hopping off and coming intermittently. Between incoming and outgoing planes, the men take refuge in a hut-like bungalows on the edge of jungle where they eat, sleep and chat to escape from the punishing rays of the equatorial sun. Occasionally, during lulls, cocoanut gathering competitions are held among the fliers, which is incidentally the only form of recreation and which furthermore supplies the only drinkable water at the base.

When all remaining work for the day is over, the men dig into their evening meal with a vigor even unsurpassed by their bombing raids. The most pleasant part of the day, perhaps, is just before turning in when they leisurely discuss the day's results over and over again and ponder over the next day's activities. But the day's work really never ends for them. Constant watches must be kept around the clock and all must be in readiness to be able to take off at a moment's notice.

One cannot fail to realize that it is their ever-lasting vigil, their spirit in carrying the fight to the enemy that enables Japan to live a normal life free from air raids.

Portugal Wounded By Timor Landing

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on December 17, the British Ambassador in Lisbon used the alleged sighting of submarines off the coast of Timor as a pretext to provoke the appeal for help to Britain on the part of Portugal.

British Unconvincing

Moreover, Salazar reported that the British Ambassador even suggested the drafting of a joint Portuguese-British declaration, although he could not convince Salazar that the Japanese threat in Timor war acute. While Salazar thus constantly accused England of trying to draw Portugal into the war on England's side, against Portugal's will, the house cheered the Premier again and again as he stressed Portugal's will to defend herself. Premier Salazar concluded his statement declaring: (1) The Government will loyally and ardently fulfill its duty, without regard to alien interests. (2) Without forgetting the alliance with England, the Government will put the sovereign rights of the nation above everything else. Negotiations will be continued, and the country will be kept informed about their results.

In connection with the meeting of the National Assembly and the declaration of the Government, syndicates and corporations staged impressive patriotic demonstrations in front of the building of Parliament. Loudspeakers, which were put up in front of the Parliament building, enabled the demonstrators to follow the Premier's address, and the most important passages of the Premier's statement were received with loud cheers.

At shops where radio apparatus was sold, large crowds assembled in the streets in front of the loud speakers. The people listened to the Premier's statements with grave faces. The guards in front of the British Embassy and the Dutch Legation was reinforced in the course of the afternoon by machine-gun detachments.

Salazar Condemns Seizure

Domei

VICHY, December 19.—Dr. Antonio Oliveira Salazar, Portuguese Premier, today condemned British and Netherlands' seizure of Portuguese Timor, according to a report received here from Lisbon.

Dr. Salazar said the pretext for seizing the Portuguese possession, off the eastern end of the Malay Archipelago, was to stave off possible Japanese action against Timor.

However, he continued, any possible action against Portuguese Timor is solely Portugal's concern and responsibility to prevent and not that of any foreign Power.

Dr. Salazar revealed that he has been seeing Sir Ronald Hugh Campbell, British Ambassador to Lisbon, for an explanation of the seizure.

Portugal Demands Withdrawal

Domei

BUENOS AIRES, December 19.—Following an emergency Cabinet conference, the Portuguese Government today presented demands to Australia and the Netherlands requesting withdrawal of their forces from the Portuguese possession of Timor, according to informed quarters here.

Timor, located on the eastern end of the Malay Archipelago, was occupied by combined forces of Australian and Netherlands East Indies troops on Wednesday.

HOUSE HEAD KOYAMA HANDS IN RESIGNATION

Speaker Calls on Premier Tojo and Also Notifies Cabinet

Speaker Shoju Koyama of the House of Representatives formally expressed his intention to resign, when he called on Premier Hideki Tojo at the latter's official residence Saturday afternoon. His written resignation was submitted to the Cabinet on the same day. On acceptance, the Cabinet will report the matter to the Throne for approval. Vice-Speaker Kazutami Tago of the same House also has decided to resign from his post with Mr. Koyama.

His resignation was informally aired to men close to him last September, when the Throne Aid League of the Diet Members was organized. Now that the opening of the 79th regular Diet session is nearing, Mr. Koyama has made up his mind to resign and signified it to Premier Tojo. Mr. Koyama was elected to his post in July, 1937, when an extraordinary Diet session was convoked in connection with the outbreak of the China affair at the time the first Konoye Cabinet was in power.

For four years and five months since then Mr. Koyama has been in the important post. During the intervening period, Mr. Koyama has done a great deal of services to the Diet, assuming the post of Speaker for extraordinary sessions, the Diet's celebration for the 50th anniversary of the promulgation of the Imperial Constitution, the celebration for the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the Empire, and the last extraordinary session convoked for indorsing the expenditures of the War of the Greater East Asia following the promulgation of the Imperial Rescript of declaring war on the United States and British Empire.

Toshio Shimada, former Agriculture and Forestry Minister and former member of the Cabinet Advisory Council, is conceded the strongest candidate as successor to Mr. Koyama, according to Domei. As the likeliest candidate for Vice-Speaker Sakusaburo Uchigasaki, Director of the General Affairs Department, of the Throne Aid League of the Diet Members is mentioned.

Announcement

With the joint sales system now in force throughout Japan, some changes in delivery service are being effected. It is likely for the time being that some irregularities may occur in the delivery of our paper. The management is doing its best to normalize the new service as soon as possible. Should, however any subscriber fail to get his copy regularly, will he kindly report it to the management?

BRITISH DO NOT TRY TO HOLD WAR LOSS

Admit Crushing Blows Suffered In War of Greater East Asia

BBC ANNOUNCES SETBACKS

Finds Japanese Superior in Malay Peninsula Fighting—Concedes Hongkong Fall

Yomiuri

BUENOS AIRES, December 19.—Sources close to the British Government make no attempt to conceal from the British public the crushing defeat which has been suffered by the British forces in East Asia in the War of Greater East Asia. They frankly admit that the British in East Asia are at a great disadvantage. But they talk of strong reinforcements in the east in an attempt to prevent the deterioration in the morale of the British people.

An announcer of the BBC spoke to the following effect in an account of the progress of the war situation in East Asia given on December 19:

Admits Japanese Gains

"The war news from East Asia is far from good. The Japanese forces, superior numerically, are scoring successes everywhere. The other factors in their remarkable successes are their strong fighting determination and superior strategy. Their gains in the Malay Peninsula are exceptionally great. They have already broken through the peninsula. The whole of Kedah State is under their control. While dominating Penang Island, they are advancing southward, after crossing the Muda River. The almost irresistible advance of the Japanese in the peninsula has added considerably to the difficulties of the forces defending Hongkong.

"In the Hongkong area the Japanese have achieved great results. They are now harassing the British stronghold by air, sea and land. The British defending the citadel now are completely isolated. But the manner in which the port city is subjected to cannon fire and aerial bombardment it seems impossible to hope that it will be a second Tobruk. That Libyan town, though surrounded by German and Italian forces, could communicate with the outside world by sea. That is the reason why it could hold out for several months until it was saved early this month.

Hongkong Not Tobruk

"The circumstances of Hongkong are quite different from those of Tobruk. We must not close out eyes to the facts. We must occupy ourselves with the question of what is to do in order to save Hongkong from the Japanese who are pounding it from all directions.

"Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, in a talk given at New Derry on December 18, predicted that a large-scale campaign would be started in the Malay area in the not distant future. Reports on hand tell of a steady flow of Indian troops to Rangoon and the vicinity. The offensive in the Malay area indicated by Sir Archibald would be carried out by these Indians. We are hoping great things of the anticipated campaign."

British Commander Rapped by London For Poor Showing

Air-Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of the British Asiatic Forces, is bringing a hornet's nest about his ears from the British Government and private quarters for his responsibility in having lost the Pacific sea and air power to Japan, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Hochi. A Hochi correspondent in Berlin wires as follows: "A Stockholm cable reaching London states the British official and private circles admit that the Pacific air and sea power has been secured by Japan and are harshly blaming Air-Marshal Brooke-Popham for his defeats in the war with Japan. The Sydney Telegram, on the other hand editorially treated his responsibility saying that his constant declaration boasting of the perfect military preparations in the Malaya, ever pledging of victory over the vulnerable Japanese Army and air forces, has been shattered to pieces. The same paper highly deplores the lack of competent military leaders in contrast to plenty of materials and resources for fighting."

DOMEI EXPOSES WAR PROPAGANDA OF U.S.

Cites Several Broadcasts Packed Full of Lies to Conceal Losses Sustained

In their confusion in trying to cover up their actual losses sustained in the Battle of Hawaii, propagandists in the United States are resorting to such preposterous stories as "Tokyo bombed several times, city in shambles" and other nonsense that will inevitably result in a boomerang destroying the world's and even the American people's confidence in American news broadcasts, according to Domei.

The whole world, particularly the United States and Great Britain, was in a state of semi-coma for some time after the terrific lacing taken by the American Navy in Pearl Harbor. When at last, four days later on December 12, after keeping off news-hungry Americans from discovering the truth by hiding behind the familiar smoke screen "report not ready", American propagandists came out with a broadside of ill-timed lies such as the story above.

However, both the United States and Britain have admitted later the accurate, conscientious and modest announcements made by the Japanese Imperial Headquarters. Take for instance, the announcement made by the Army Department which admitted more losses in transport ships than were actually sustained, which report, however, was later corrected when confirmed by supplementary advice from the scene of action. As another example, the modest claims made by the Navy Department of the results of the debacle at Pearl Harbor were not only sustained but enlarged upon by subsequent official American admissions. And during the attack upon Kowloon, the official announcement stating that the main defensive line had been taken was not made until the day after the actual occupation, this, further proving the discrete and ever-accurate announcements made by the Imperial Headquarters.

Contrast this with the preposterous and absurd claims hatched in the febrile brain of the American propagandist, a few typical examples of which follow.

Unbelievable Hocum

On the evening of December 14, a San Francisco broadcast in the Japanese language quoting a dispatch allegedly from Manila claimed that 'the Japanese force which effected a landing on the western coast of Luzon has been annihilated' and later in the same broadcast, admitted with typical Yankee gall that the Japanese have secured and are holding a position in the northern part of the very same Island of Luzon.

In an attempt to cover the losses of their own air power and also to win the sympathy of neutral countries, American propaganda broadcasts almost invariably follow the same pattern belittling the capacities of Japanese military aircraft and men, besides exaggerating and stressing the injuries incurred by non-combatants. An example of a broadcast along these lines intercepted here goes as follows, 'forced to veer off from the original objective, Nichols Field near Manila, by the death-defying feats of our air force and accurate fire from our anti-aircraft batteries, the Japanese raiders rained death missiles on the residential districts of Manila in frustrated fury causing 70 deaths and more than 300 casualties among the civilian population.'

Bunk About Guam

Again, Guam, which was completely occupied by Japanese troops on the 12th, was the subject of another broadcast on the 14th which claimed that the state of the hostilities there was not clear but that a Navy Department communique issued on the 12th explicitly stated that there has been no report of the island having fallen into Japanese hands. And this two days after the actual occupation of Guam! Presumably elaborating upon the situation at Guam, the same announcer quoting an alleged Rome broadcast claimed that the Japanese and the American defenders are still engaged in a hot struggle but did not mention a single word concerning the capture of the island by the Japanese landing force.

ANTI-AXIS PROPOSE JOINT ARMY ORGAN

U.S., Britain, Russia, D.E.I., And Chungking Said Making Negotiation

FORMAL STAND SHORTLY

Anglo-Saxons Plan to Win Over Stalin to Replenish Pacific Loss

Asahi Service

BUENOS AIRES, December 18.—Information concerning a plan for organizing a supreme military strategic organ of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, the Netherlands and Chungking are reaching here from Washington, London and Australia. Secretary of State Cordell Hull of the United States stated in the press conference yesterday that he knew nothing about such a proposal. But according to information from various quarters it seems that the negotiation for the establishment of such a joint supreme military organ being held at Washington, London, Moscow and Chungking is making progress.

It is also stated that a special British mission has already reached Washington for discussing this problem. A report from London reaching here today says that a formal announcement of the proposed military organ will be shortly made. Of course this plan is being proposed by Great Britain and the United States which are endeavoring to bring other nations to join. What the United States and Great Britain are planning is as follows:

1. In view of the serious defeat at Hawaii and Malaya and the defensive situation for Great Britain and the United States in the Pacific, the British-American side would be surely brought to perfect defeat because the present world war cannot be continued in the present condition. Therefore for rebuilding the American-British front, the Soviet Union has to be completely won to its side and also made to fight Japan, while the United States must gain air bases in the Littoral Province of Siberia. But the attitude of the Soviet Union does not insure its immediate participation in the war.

Thus it is planned to form a supreme military organ so that the Soviet Union could be placed in a position where she would be obliged to join the war.

2. Under the present condition of the War of Greater East Asia, the United States and Great Britain are in danger of being economically blockaded by the southern advance of Japan. Therefore, for fighting a long war, Great Britain and the United States have to face a problem of mutual supply and production of materials for military requirements. Then even the United States that depends on her great production capacity, is meeting need of speedily massing together the strength of all anti-Axis nations. It is the object of the United States to make the proposed joint military organ also effective in bringing about such development. It is also for that purpose that the United States is now openly trying to thereaten or win over South and Central American nations.

3. According to the plan made by the United States, this military organ will be composed of not only army and navy representatives of all countries, but also economic representatives, and its headquarters are to be established at Washington.

According to a report from Washington reaching here yesterday, in case of the materialization of this organ, probably Prime Minister Churchill will come to the United States while its session is held. Chairman Connally of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee hinted at the press conference that when the joint military organ is formed, the division of military operations will be made, and the operation in Western Europe will be undertaken by Britain, that in Eastern Europe by the Soviet Union, and that in East Asia by the United States and the Soviet Union.

79th Diet Session Will Be Called On December 24

The 79th regular session of the Imperial Diet will be called on December 24, it was indicated on Saturday. The following day will see the organization of both Houses for the regular session, the first since the start of the War of Greater East Asia. The opening ceremony is expected to take place on December 26. Both Houses are scheduled to adjourn on December 27 for the yearend and New Year holidays.

DUFF-COOPER TO NEW POST

Duties to Give Direct Reports to British Government

Domei

BUENOS AIRES, December 19.—The British Government has nominated Alfred Duff-Cooper, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and representative of the British Cabinet in East Asia, residing Minister at Singapore and ranking member of the Cabinet on East Asia Affairs, it was learned here from London today.

Duff-Cooper's new duties will include giving direct reports to the Home Government, it was said.

Cooked-up War News

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